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Armstrong Atlantic State University

Faculty Senate Meeting

Minutes of August 12, 2008

Fine Arts Building 206

I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m. by Senate President Kevin Hampton. There were 36 of 40 senators in attendance. Please see Appendix A for a roster of present and absent senators.

Additional guests:

Vice President Ellen Whitford

Associate Vice President Dennis Murphy

Associate Vice President, Enrollment Services, Russell Watjen

University Librarian Doug Frazier

Dean, College of Education, Patricia Wachholz

Dean, College of Health Professionals, Shelly Conroy

Interim Dean, College of Liberal Arts, Mark Findlay

Assistant Dean, College of Liberal Arts, Beth Howells

Dean, College of Science and Technology, George Shields

Assistant Dean, College of Science and Technology, Steve Jodis

II. Comments Kevin Hampton

Dr. Hampton expressed appreciation for all senator's participation and conveyed the tremendous work that the senate officers had performed during the summer to commence the university's first ever senate session. Dr. Hampton also addressed issues of nomenclature regarding committee identification, and the fact that they are now Standing Committees of the Senate as opposed to Standing Committees of the Faculty.

III. Business in Progress Kevin Hampton

A. Standing Committees of the Senate

Senate liaisons to committees are directed to foster committee activities with regard to the following charges:

1. Consider Bylaws revisions as styled during transitional period to senate governance.

Dr. Hampton provided information regarding the process of having bylaws approved.

2. Committees are instructed to determine whether or not they want to re-write their bylaws to include student participation, as requested by SGA resolution (Appendix B).

3. Senate Liaison role in committee work

Liaisons are additionally directed to manage committee operations only inasmuch as assuring a chair and secretary are elected, points 1 and 2 are considered for addressing, and committee meetings are scheduled.

B. Potential Affiliation of Library Faculty

1. The Committee on Committees will determine what senate committee to charge with examination of the issue which remains what, if any, one college that library faculty will be aligned with for purposes of committee work and governance.

C. Appointment of Senator to serve as Adjunct/Staff Liaison

Helen Taggart nominates Marsha Moore, Patrick Thomas seconds. Professor Moore accepts.

IV. New Business

A. Report of the Elections Committee (Minutes Appendix C) Vann Scott

Dr. Scott brought forth the slate of nominees for the Standing Committees of the Senate for approval. Rick McGrath voices approval, Robert Loyd seconds the vote. By call, none oppose. The slates are approved.

V. Other Business Senate Officers (President Kevin Hampton, Vice President Delana Nivens, Secretary Jewell Anderson)

A. Senate Meeting Times are established as 12:10 to 1:30 p.m. on scheduled dates.

B. Electronic Bookmarking is suggested as a method to ensure regular and easy access to the faculty senate website.

C. Senate Alternates. Senators are reminded to please alert alternate if they cannot attend meetings.

VI. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
Jewell Anderson
Faculty Senate Secretary
August 14, 2008

Appendix A

Senators Present:

Anderson, Jewell – LIB
Andrews, Carol – LLP
Bennett, Kathy – CJSPS
Bevis, Rhonda – RESP
Butina, Michelle – MTEC
Coulton, Kimberly – DHYG
Craven, Kathryn – BIOL
Crosby, Joey – HSCI
Skidmore-Hess, Daniel – CJSPS
Garritty, April – CSDS
Gilbert, Catherine – NURS
Goesser, Priya – ENGR
Hampton, Kevin – AMT
Hashemi, Ray – CSCI
Hizer, Todd – CHEM/PHYS
Horah, Richart – LIB
Hollinger, Karen – LLP
(alt for Beth Howells, serving until
Dr. Howells returns from duty as Interim
Assistant Dean)
Katz, Frank – ITEC
Knofcynski, Greg – MATH
Lander, Jennifer – PTH
Larson, Brett – BIOL
Logan, Brenda –MSGE
Loyd, Robert – SPED
Mahan, Pamela – NURS
McGrath, Richard – ECON
Moore, Marsha – ECE
Nivens, Delana – CHEM/PHYS
Primatic, Steve – AMP
(alt for John Jensen)
Rieman, Bryan – HSCI
Scott, Vann – PSYC
Simmons, Jack – LLP
Strickland, Gloria – RADS
Taggart, Helen – NURS
Thomas, Patrick – MSGE

Senators Absent:

Baker, Chris – LLP
Eastman, Sean – MATH
McCall, LindaAnn – ECE
Todesca, James – HIST
White, Nancy – HIST

Wimer, Greg – HPED

Appendix B

A Resolution

Whereas: Armstrong Atlantic State University is a supporter of student collaboration with faculty, staff and administration on university and Faculty Standing Committees; and

Whereas: the collaboration in the past of students serving as full voting members of university and faculty standing committees serving as a student voice on decisions and recommendations that these committees make; and

Whereas: faculty standing committees make recommendations and decisions to the Faculty Senate that affect students and their academic and university experience; and

Whereas: Under the current faculty standing committees, the only committees that allow student representation are Honors Advisory Committee, Admissions and Academic Standing, Library Committee, Student Conduct Committee, Committee on Writing, Student Recruitment, Advisement and Retention, and;

Whereas: the Student Government Association provides funding and support to academic programs sponsored by the faculty; and

Whereas: the involvement and participation of students serving on Faculty Standing Committees creates a stronger student-faculty relationship within the university, at which create a stronger community for students and faculty development; therefore be it

Resolved that the Armstrong Atlantic State University Student Government Association supports and requests the allocation of at least one student seat containing full participation and voting rights on all recommendations and decisions on the Academic Appeals Committee, Student Success Committee, Honors Advisory Committee, International Programs & Activities Committee, Research and Scholarship Committee, Writing Committee, Planning, Budget, and Facilities Committee, Interdisciplinary Studies Committee, and Educational Technology Committee to be approved by the Faculty Executive Committee and Dean of Faculty, Dr. Ellen Whitford, in the adoption of the Faculty Senate Constitution.

APPROVED 04/07/2008

Appendix C

Elections Committee Minutes 08/06/2008

A meeting of the Elections Committee was convened at 1:20pm.

Elections Committee members present were, Catherine Gilbert, Jack Simmons, Senate alternate Michael Lariscy (substituting for Senator Greg Wimer), and Vann Scott, Chair

Purpose of the meeting: Finalize the elections process for populating the Standing Committees of the Senate during this *first year of transition to a Faculty Senate*.

Summary of the Elections Process established by the Elections Committee:

Due to the transition to the Faculty Senate form of governance, the Elections Committee inherited the nomination process of solicitation of nominees from the full faculty through a ballot as has been conducted by the previous Executive Committees. The Elections Committee met on June 5th, 2008 to populate the Standing Committees of the Senate in the same manner as previous Executive Committees had done.

The Elections Committee unanimously approved the motion to present the slate of nominees to the Faculty Senate at its first meeting on August 12, 2008 with the recommendation that the slate be presented to the faculty for approval at its meeting on August 13, 2008 since this is a *transitional year for the Senate*. The Elections Committee intends to review and revise this procedure during the Senate's first year of operation so the faculty should expect a very different procedure as AY 09-10 begins.

The meeting adjourned at 1:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Vann Scott, Senate Elections Committee Chair